

things, this point of "zero hour" may be developed so that members can make use of the opportunity. Even now I make a request that the Minister for Co-operation may examine and see that these elections are stopped in the interest of agriculturists and growers.

Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for law).—Sir, I perfectly agree with your view. There are difficulties with the Government. The first difficulty is if members raise any question it will be difficult for the Government to answer. Take for instance the present case. The minister has no information. Not that he is not prepared to supply information but it requires time. If such questions are put under one name or the other, it will be impossible for the Government to reply and it will be an opportunity for the opposition for cornering the Government. At the same time it cannot be allowed. If they give notice then only we can reply ; otherwise it will not be possible.

(Interruption)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Order, order. Should I allow "zero hour" to be developed immediately.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The Hon'ble minister is saying that it is an opportunity to the opposition members to corner the Government. It is our duty to corner them and it is our duty to get them ready with answer. If the answers are not readily available they can answer the next day. That does not mean that they must be ready with answers. So, in a way the Hon'ble Minister for Law justifies the need for "zero hour" because he says that he is afraid that we are going to corner them.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now, members are trying to persuade me to take a course of action but they are doing it in a wrong way. If they want persuasion, members must have patience. The hon'ble member Sri Siddaveerappa has made the requests. The first request is to appoint a committee immediately. I do it now alone.

Motion to Constitute a Committee to Consider the Rules of Procedure and Conduot of Business in the L. A.

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—I move :

"That a committee may be constituted consisting of the following members to consider the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly and to suggest suitable amendments thereto :"

Speaker
Deputy Speaker
Chief Minister
Minister for Law
Sri S. Sivappa
Sri H. Siddaveerappa
Sri S. Gopala Gowda
Sri N. Huchmasthi Gowda

Sri S. D. Kothavale
 Sri C. M. Desai
 Sri H. C. Linga Reddy
 Sri M. R. Patil
 Sri D. M. Siddiah
 Sri H. B. Jwalaniah
 Sri M. Ramappa

“That Speaker shall be the Chairman and that in order to constitute a sitting, the quorum shall be 8 and that in other respects the Rules of Procedure of this House relating to committee shall apply with such variations and modifications as the Chairman may make, with a direction to submit its report before the end of this Year.”

M. SPEAKER.—I will put it to the House. The question is :

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 Mr. Deputy Speaker
 Chief Minister
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 Sri S. Sivappa
 Sri H. Siddaveerappa
 Sri S. Gopala Gowda
 Sri N. Hutchmasthe Gowda
 Sir S. D. Kothawale
 Sri C. M. Desai
 Sri H. C. Lingareddy
 Sri M. R. Patil.

Sri M. R. PATTIL (Hubli).—Sir, I request that I may be dropped.

Sri S. R.—KANTHI: Since the suggestion comes from the Speaker, he should not refuse.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Shall I drop the name of Sri M. R. Patil ?

Sri M. R. PATIL.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So his name will be dropped.

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—We may have 15 members and the Hon'ble Speaker may add one more name.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Speaker is empowered to add one more name and I will add it later on. then :

Sri H. B. Jwalaniah
 Sri D. M. Siddiah
 Sri M. Ramappa

That the Speaker shall be the chairman of the committee; that in order to constitute a sitting of the committee the quorum shall be 8 and that in other respects the rules of procedures of this house relating to committees shall apply with such variations and modifications as the Chairman may make.

“and this the committee, shall report by end of this year.”

The hon'ble member Sri Siddaveerappa raised two points, namely, that a communication sent from him is impliedly objected to by the conduct of the Minister. I do not see any such conflict. I will leave it at that because these things are best not discussed. It will only caution me not to do anything beyond what is absolutely necessary. I wanted that something should be done, but if members are going to raise complicated points and make some sort of implications, I will not call insinuations—it is not conducive to smooth and efficient working.

One important remark which the hon'ble Member should not have made is that the Speaker is allergic. It is not a happy expression.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—If it is so, I will withdraw it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The word ‘allergic’ implies something unnatural, which the Speaker should avoid. It is as if the Speaker is creating a situation which should not be there and which is not in accordance with every normal person. That is why I did not feel quite happy when he used that word.

As regards the point raised by him that the zero hour is prevailing elsewhere, I would not like to make any comment with regard to the proceedings that are taking place on the floor of the House elsewhere, much more so when I am presiding over the House here. As a student of parliamentary procedure, I may criticise; I may say many things, but when I am presiding over a House here, for me to talk of something that is doubtful and something that is happening elsewhere is not proper. Nor is it proper for any member to refer to it on the floor of the House and say that is happening there or not happening there and criticise. That would mean opening the door for a possible debate with regard to what is happening there, its propriety or impropriety.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿ ಗೌಡ (ಹುಲಿಯೂರು ದುರ್ಗ).—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯವಾದ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ತರಲಿಚ್ಛಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸತಕ್ಕ ಪ್ರತ್ಯಾವಧಿಯ ಅವಧಿ ಮುಗಿದ ನಂತರ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವು ಅತಿ ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯವಾದ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಮನೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿಯಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚೆಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಹಕ್ಕು ಬಹಳ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ನಡೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಬರುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ತಾವು ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಬಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಆ ಹಕ್ಕು ಕ್ರಮೇಣ ಮಾಸಿಹೋಗುತ್ತ ಬಂದು, ಈಗ ಅದು ಮರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಈಗ ನೇಮಕವಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ಸಮಿತಿಯು ಈ ವಿಚಾರಕ್ಕೂ ಗಮನ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆಯೂ ಒಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಬರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಸೂಕ್ತವೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಸೂಚಿಸಲಿಚ್ಛಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not know what is the implication. It means that the zero hours was prevailing prior to my being elected as the Speaker. That is a reflection upon the person, who is occupying the Chair to day.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—On a point of personal explanation, Sir. What I am humbly submitting for your consideration is that when we make some repartees, let it not be said that it is a reflection on the Chair. We have made it clear that we have the greatest respect for you. When I used the word 'allergy' it was only in a metaphorical sense. I never meant anything else. If it has hurt your feelings, I am prepared to withdraw it. I am one of those who believe that the Chair must be respected. Whoever sits in the Chair we will respect.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not so much the individual personality or the person that I had in mind; it is the exalted office I had in mind. It must be the endeavour of everybody to put it at the highest pedestal without casting even a shadow of doubt or suspicion about it. I am grateful to Sri Siddaveerappa for making the position very clear. I am fully aware of his over-abundant affection for me. If as a number he wants to assert his right, I am prepared to protect his prestige and dignity. After all, the Speaker is the representative of the entire House. It is not the individual who sits here that counts but the representative of the entire House. The suggestion that came from him will be looked into by the committee but I am certainly not for providing for the zero Hour. I am saying this because I may have to preside over that Committee as Chairman and zero Hour is not in accordance with the rules. Zero Hour means no rules and free discussion for all; that should not be done.

Sri H. SIDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, Yesterday I gave notice of another motion pertaining to the Hon'ble Revenue and Forest Minister and request for one-hour or two hour discussion on it. It is a very important matter for which there is no parallel in the history of Mysore, and it is about the the fire accident in the Bhagavathi Forest. A friend of mine, a member sitting in this House, actually said that it is not yet extinguished and it has been there for 20 to 25 days causing irreparable loss to the State to the tune of more than Rs. 2 crores. It was said that it was caused by accident; our information is otherwise. In view of of the importance, if the rules permit I would request you, Sir, to ask the Estimates Committee of this House or you may appoint a small committee and ask it to go and examine it and report to the House as to what exactly is the matter. If I heard the Minister correctly, he said the fire was accidental. Our information is that it was not accidental and that it was designedly done by a contractor with a view to getting out of his contractual obligations. In the interest of the finances of the State, I request you to examine this question and guide us what we should do in this matter.